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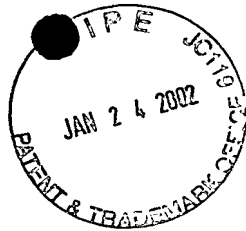
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This Statement is being filed before the issuance of an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Accordingly, no payment of fees is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be (1) considered by the Examiner prior to issuance of any patent from this application; and (2) printed on

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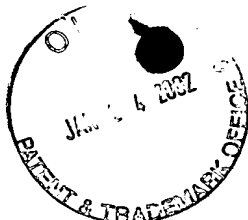
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- ☐ within three months of the application filing date;
☒ more than three months from the application filing date but
before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement
requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby
authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Information